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DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED LETTER SIGNED BY CONGRESSMEN
ARNES, LEACH, SOLARZ AND BONKER REQUESTING ADDITIONAL IN-
FORMATION ON THE STATEMENT IN THE 1982 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT
SECTION 1B) THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT "IS BELIEVED
) HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION TO FAMILY MEMBERS ON THE
EATHS AND IN SOME INSTANCES THE LOCATION OF THE REMAINS
? THE DISAPPEARED IN ABOUT 1450 CASES. ON SEPT. 29 THE
MINISTER OF INTERIOR PUBLICLY SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL CON-
INUE TO COLLECT INFORMATION ABOUT DISAPPEARANCE CASES AND
ROVIDE IT TO RELATIVES".

CONGRESSMEN STATE THEY WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMA-
ION ON GOA ACTION IN ORDER TO EVALUATE ITS SIGNIFICANCE
I MEETING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT ON DISAPPEARED. HILL
OURCES ADVISE THAT CONGRESSMEN ARE EXPECTING RESPONSE TO

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3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS NO LATER THAN COB MARCH 14.

- A. WHAT IS THE SOURCE FOR THE STATEMENT IN THE COUNTRY REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION IN 1,450 CASES?
- B. COULD YOU PROVIDE A LIST OF THE 1,450 CASES, INCLUDING ANY EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISAPPEARANCES AND DEATHS?
- C. HAS THE GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO FAMILY MEMBERS BEEN PUBLICIZED IN ARGENTINA? WHAT PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN USED TO IDENTIFY AND INFORM THE FAMILIES AND RELATIVES IN THESE 1,450 CASES?
- D. ARE ANY OF THE 1,450 CASES AMONG THE 7,800 LISTED BY THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS?
- E. HAVE ARGENTINE MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, SUCH AS THE MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO AND THE CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS LEGALES Y SOCIALES (CELS), BEEN AMONG THOSE RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT THESE DISAPPEARANCES?
- F. IN WHICH OF THE 1,450 CASES WERE REMAINS RETURNED TO FAMILY MEMBERS?
- G. WERE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFIED AS RESPONSIBLE IN ANY OF THESE CASES, AND WERE ANY SUBSEQUENTLY PROSECUTED?

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H. HAVE YOU NOW, OR DO YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE SOON INFORMATION ON THE DISAPPEARANCES CASES NOT LISTED BY THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY? (ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS ESTIMATE THAT THERE MAY BE AS MANY AS 20,000 TO 30,000 DISAPPEARANCES.)

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